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SUBJECT: OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM - TEXACO
AND UNION OIL

1. IN KEEPING WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO MONITOR
INSURED INVESTMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OPIC IS
CURRENTLY EVALUATING A SELECTED NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN A
VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AND COUNTRIES. AS THE OPERATION OF
TEXACO'S HONAM OIL REFINERY IN YOSU AND UNION'S KYUNG IN
FACILITIES IN SEOUL INVOLVES A NUMBER OF RECOGNIZED EN-
VIRONMENTAL HAZARDS FOR WHICH APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS WERE
CONTEMPLATED, OPIC REQUESTS THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN
OBTAINING AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE.

A. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT
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THE PROJECTS ARE NOT MAKING CONCERNED EFFORTS TO PROTECT
THE ENVIRONMENT OR ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH ROKG LAWS AND
REGULATIONS IN THIS REGARD?

B. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY DISPUTES BETWEEN EITHER PRO-
JECT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND/OR LOCAL CITIZENRY OVER
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES? ARE THERE RECENT OR PENDING STATUTES

OR REGULATIONS THAT MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT EITHER PROJECTS' OPERATIONS?

C. WHAT IS THE GENERAL PUBLIC IMAGE OF THESE TWO PROJECTS WITH REGARD TO THE PROTECTION OR ABUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT?

D. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OF WHICH EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY BE AWARE.

2. FYI: OPIC HAS WRITTEN TO THE PROJECTS' SPONSORS IN THE U.S. AS PART OF OUR MONITORING OF THESE PROJECTS.

3. THE OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM IS AN OPEN-MINDED ATTEMPT TO OBSERVE AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT, IF ANY, OF OPIC-SUPPORTED U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE HOST COUNTRY. THIS WILL BE AN ON-GOING PROGRAM OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE THAT MAY INVOLVE ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL. OPIC APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AND WELCOMES ANY COMMENTS ON THIS PROGRAM AND/OR THESE PROJECTS.

4. OPIC DOES NOT INTEND TO SUGGEST ON-SITE INSPECTION IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPLYING TO THIS MESSAGE. RATHER, POST MAY USE ITS DISCRETION AND IF JUDGED ADEQUATE, SHOULD DRAW ON ITS FILES AND OTHER READILY UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN DEVELOPING REPLY. WHILE OPIC DOES NOT INTEND TO BURDEN POST WITH THIS REQUEST, REPLY BY MID-JUNE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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